

# Parente Building

Oakland, California



*After Restoration*



*Before Restoration*

### Description

This modest 1930 commercial building forms the gateway to the Lakeshore district of Oakland. Over the years it had been remuddled a number of times. Siegel & Strain's rehabilitation focused on the removal of unsympathetic alterations and preparation for the rehabilitation of individual storefronts as tenants turned over.

Clerestory windows were restored, awnings replaced and the original color scheme replicated. A floral stencil pattern was discovered underneath layers of paint on the concrete lintels. New stencils derived from the originals were added.

**Completed**  
2005

**Award**  
2005 Partners in Preservation Award, Oakland Heritage Alliance



*Original Building (1930)*